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SUBJECT: SSOD: JUNE 19 AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING:

BELGIAN STATEMENT ON CCD

1. DURING A SHORT AD HOC MEETING ON JUNE 19, BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE (ELLIOTT) MADE A STATEMENT CONCERNING MACHINERY, SPECIFICALLY ON REORGANIZATION OF THE CCD. HE OBSERVED THAT, AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, THE CCD DOES NOT MEET TWO PRINCIPLES, ONE OF UNIVERSALITY, WHICH GIVES EVERY STATE A RIGHT TO FULL PARTICIPATION, AND ONE OF EFFICIENCY WHICH WOULD LIMIT PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS TO A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NUCLEAR POWERS, PRINCIPLE MILITARY POWERS AND, IN GENERAL, ALL THOSE WHO CAN MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO DISARMAMENT, HE REMARKED. GEOPOLITICAL BALANCE MUST ALSO BE RESPECTED. CURRENTLY, PARTICIPATION IS NEITHER COMPLETE NOR BALANCED. THE ACTUAL STRUCTURE, ESPECIALLY THE SYSTEM OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN, IS AN OBSTACLE TO PARTICIPATION.

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2. ELLIOTT LISTED SEVEN ELEMENTS FOR REFORM OF THE CCD:

(1) IT MUST BE REFORMED FOLLOWING A DECISION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ONLY A DECISION AT THAT LEVEL CAN GIVE THE NEGOTIATING BODY UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION. THUS THE UNIVERSAL CHARACTER OF THE DECISION WOULD COINCIDE

WITH GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF LIMITED PARTICIPATION.

(2) WHILE REMAINING LIMITED, PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE INCREASED. THE INCREASE WOULD ALLOW FRANCE AND CHINA TO JOIN AS WELL AS "A CERTAIN NUMBER" OF NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES.

(3) PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE ORGANIZED ON AN EQUITABLE GEOPOLITICAL BALANCE.

(4) ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS. IF ANY OF THEIR PROPOSALS COME UNDER DISCUSSION, THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO TAKE FULL PART.

(5) THE CO-CHAIRMAN SYSTEM SHOULD BE REPLACED BY A ROTATION SYSTEM, (AS BELGIUM IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE CCD, ELLIOTT SAID HE HAD NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR THE TYPE OF ROTATION SYSTEM).

(6) THE NEGOTIATING BODY SHOULD BE COMPLETELY AUTONOMOUS FROM THE UN. IT WOULD MAKE ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE BASED ON CONSENSUS.

(7) INDEPENDENTLY OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF ROTATION AMONG THE GEOGRAPHICAL GROUPS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PARTICIPATION DOES NOT SEEM TO SOME LIKE AN ABSOLUTE RIGHT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TO OTHERS LIKE AN EXCLUSION. THUS THE COMPOSITION SHOULD BE REVIEWED AFTER A REASONABLE TIME, HE CONCLUDED. YOUNG

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